

**Town of Groton
Parks and Recreation Commission
Wednesday, September 8, 2010
Spicer House at 7:15 PM
Meeting Minutes**

I. Call to Order

Phil Butta called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners: Phil Butta, Dick McCarthy and Ed Kolnaski
Recreation: John Silsby and Jerry Lokken

III. Approval of Minutes:

Dick McCarthy motioned to accept minutes. Ed Kolnaski seconded the motion.

IV. Citizen's Petitions

None

V. Correspondence/Communications

A. Commissioners

1. Dick McCarthy

Zoning Board question about why no public facility at bottom of Fort Hill gas station.

2. Ed Kolnaski

- a. Football teams practice on soccer fields at Jamboree – raining
- b. Diane Kolnaski wanted to mention how helpful Cathy Hoffman was in regards to the new field hockey team.

3. Phil

- a. Dick McCarthy & Phil Butta were at the meeting with Mr. Kadri about Fitch Middle School.
- b. Dan Orce had paintball questions about where it stands.

B. Director of Parks & Recreation

John Silsby and Jerry Lokken reported that US Rep. Joseph Courtney and State Rep. Elissa Wright took a tour of the Senior Center. RTM meetings are moving back to the Senior Center.

VI. Town Council Referral

None

VII. Reports

A. Monthly Report

August just came out – no discussion.

B. Golf Course Report

Revenue – down \$11,000 from last year. Course in good condition.

C. Golf Advisory Board (GAB) Update – considering fees/policies for 2011.

GAB is meeting this coming Monday, September 13, 2010, looking at fees and policies and discussion of memorials for loved ones.

- D. Master Plan Committee/Sutton Park Master Plan Update – reviewing Fitch Middle School as community center site.**
 - 1. Fitch Middle School to be looked at as a community center. There is a Special Meeting on Tuesday.
 - 2. Meeting scheduled for next Wednesday.
 - 3. Tri-town connection to Fitch Middle School discussed. Phil Butta concerned about traffic.
 - 4. Talk about Ken Berg suggestion of where pool would go.
- E. Boating Advisory Board (BAB) Update**
 - 1. Meeting scheduled for Thursday – discussion on Boat Shelter – looking for a spot. Grasso Tech might not work.
 - 2. Phil Butta noticed more activity.
 - 3. Dick McCarthy noticed people coming in from water to go to restaurant.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Paintball Program Update**

Spring would be a great time to start paintball survey is skill high.
- B. New Funding Sources**
 - 1. Presentation to the Town Council
 - a. Phil Butta talked about credit card program. Commission to go back to Council with ideas.
 - b. Dick McCarthy suggested bicycle fundraising function.
 - c. Phil Butta brought up after hours use for Senior Center Fitness room, hours were also discussed.
 - d. John Silsby discussed why memberships were not thought of as a good idea. Extra charging.
 - e. Dick McCarthy motioned to present these ideas. Ed Kolnaski seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - f. Try to get presented the 4th Tuesday of October or 9th of November to Committee of the Whole.
- C. Role of the Commissioners**
 - 1. Phil Butta talked about charge of Commission. Ideas from Norris Design. (Role of Commission Handout).
 - 2. John Silsby said would be working together on items in handout.
 - 3. Dick McCarthy had ideas to become “Friends”.
 - 4. Dick McCarthy observed good coaching by coach at Groton Soccer Club.
 - 5. Phil Butta wants to take a lead on these items. To be kept on the agenda.

IX. New Business

- A. Position Statement on Use of Noank School**

Don't have to act yet. Need to have Commissioners to give ideas. Dick McCarthy said fields. Asked Commissioners to come up with ideas.
- B. Draft Annual Report for Special Revenue Fund**
 - 1. Commission will look at copies. Jerry Lokken said numbers are not final. Charts are same, but include narrative.
 - Big Items - 80% is in Fund.
 - Generated \$50,000 in this fund.

Senior food concessions – even.

Commission asked for recommendations of Fund.

C. Presentation of Division Outcomes for Recreation and Parks & Forestry Divisions.

1. Jerry Lokken presented Recreation and Parks Outcomes.

- a. Took out hosting training on National level, will only host on local level training. (Leadership Handout)
- b. Added affordable activities.
- c. Respond to public.
- d. Ed Kolnaski motioned and Dick McCarthy seconded. Leadership and Recreational Outcomes – passed.

D. Year End Budget Reports for GF & Golf Course

John Silsby almost spent General Fund Budget. \$13,000 deficit in Golf Course Budget. Not enough revenue. Hope to reduce utility costs.

X. Next Meeting Date: October 13, 2010

XI. Adjournment

Dick McCarthy motioned and Ed Kolnaski seconded.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature



Date

10/13/10